

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing claim amendments, applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, the Examiner indicated that Claims 30-32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 33 have been amended to recite the limitations set forth in dependent Claim 30. Dependent Claim 30 has been cancelled, and Claims 31 and 32 have been amended to depend from Claim 1. Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing claim amendments, applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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